

June 26, 2006  
Budget Work Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman  
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman  
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner  
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner  
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager  
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board

Chairman Wooten called the recessed meeting back to order.  
Commissioner Phillips was not in attendance.

**Animal Control**

Mike Reavis, Health Director, reviewed the history of rabies in our county. There have been seven cases this year. He stated the Board of Health does not want to stop the adoptions of animals but does want to make sure they are all vaccinated.

The Board discussed who could give the rabies vaccinations; animal control officers or contract with a local Veterinarian.

Mr. Wood suggested contracting with a local Veterinarian. Our animal control officers have a heavy workload now and does not need anymore on them.

**\*Chairman Wooten made the motion to continue the adoption of animals. All animals, which are old enough, are to be properly vaccinated before leaving the shelter and owners are show proof of proper vaccinations before their animal is released to them. This is to add no more workload**

**to the animal control officers. The person adopting or reclaiming an animal shall be responsible for all costs. The release forms will continue to be signed. This is effective immediately. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 4-0**

## **Budget**

Commissioner Casstevens inquired about personnel. He stated the vote last year was that no one was to receive more than one step or one grade.

Commissioner Sneed stated that if the county does not follow the recommendations of the state regarding personnel, the county could lose state funds.

Commissioner Casstevens questioned the salaries in the health department.

## **Elder Affairs**

Description	Account Number	Original budget	Increase/ (decrease)	Amend
Salaries & Wages part-time	1055810-51030	7,757	236	7,993
Supplies and Materials	1055810-51380	468	(232)	236
Workers Comp	1055810-51380	40	(4.00)	36

**\* Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 4-0.**

**Fire Marshal**

Mr. Wood stated there was a secretarial position in the budget, but it has been removed. Beth Sullivan will be helping out in that department.

**Building Inspections**

Mr. Wood stated Mr. Hayes had some concerns about the books required by the State and whether there would be enough in that line item to cover the books. There was a vehicle budgeted but it was removed.

Mr. Wood stated he has put money in the contingency fund to cover a vehicle due to several departments needing new vehicles.

The Board discussed the contingency fund.

**Services & Development**

Mr. Wood stated there is a planner's position budgeted. He commented that the department is suffering. He suggested either filling the position or see if Ray is available for more hours. Melanie Leluex is doing more and has asked for some additional compensation.

**Health Department**

Mr. Wood stated a new clerical position has been added to their budget. He stated that Mike Reavis has requested that the \$4,500 that was cut from contract services be added back to his budget.

The Board discussed programs offered by the health department.

Mr. Wood indicated the funds cut from Smart Start have to be put back in because they are grant funds.

## **Crossroads Mental Health**

The Board discussed populations of surrounding counties compared to Yadkin County.

Chairman Wooten stated he received call from a man in Forsyth who is interested in running a similar program in the group home.

The Board discussed the function of the Rainbow Center.

## **DSS**

Commissioner Casstevens commended Mr. Wooten on maintaining his budget.

The Board discussed the Medicaid cap and what it means for Yadkin County.

There was discussion about YVEDDI

Commissioner Phillips arrived late.

## **Veteran Services**

Mr. Wood stated Mr. Knight has requested his travel amount be reinstated to \$4,000.

**\*Commissioner Sneed made the motion to recognize the POWs in Yadkin County at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting presenting them a plaque. Chairman Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

## **Schools**

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the schools were getting a flat allocation.

Commissioner Phillips stated this is not enough money and the Board needs to reconsider making this cut. This cut would eliminate 36 positions and effect many programs.

Chairman Wooten stated he wanted a specific list of capital outlay requests.

Mr. Wood stated the BOE has already cut expenses and capital outlay.

The Board discussed the Low Wealth Funds.

Commissioner Phillips suggested raising the tax rate.

Chairman Wooten stated a tax increase would cause hardships on our seniors and young families.

The Board discussed the tax rate.

Commissioner Phillips reminded the Board of the May primary results and how the people of the county wanted change.

Commissioner Phillips stated the county is responsible for funding the schools.

Commissioner Casstevens stated the county is not interested in a bond.

The Board discussed the additions at Forbush and Starmount High Schools.

The Board discussed the expenditures of the school.

### **Surry Community College**

Mr. Wood stated they have asked the original request of \$140,991 be funded.

**Libraries**

Mr. Wood stated they have requested to add \$7,391 back to their budget for books.

**Parks & Recreation**

Mr. Wood stated he is changing a person from part-time to full-time.

The Board discussed the concession stand and bathrooms at the park.

**Other**

Mr. Wood informed the Board of a new Bill being proposed which would affect the values of vehicles.

The Board discussed the loan for the Board of Education.

There was discussion about the hospital.

**Recess**

**\*Commissioner Swaim made the motion to recess until 6:00 June 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

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Melinda Vestal, CMC  
Clerk to the Board